

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor **Department of Design, Construction and Land Use** Diane M. Sugimura, Director

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Dear Citizen:

The attached legislation is proposed to amend Title 23 of the Seattle Municipal Code, Seattle's Land Use Code, to incorporate the Northgate Urban Center & Overlay District Design Guidelines. Following adoption by the City Council, these guidelines will augment the existing Citywide Design Guidelines and together outline the design objectives to be met by new commercial and multifamily development proposals within the Northgate area.

The main elements of the proposal are to:

- Implement key strategies in the Northgate Comprehensive Plan to create a vibrant pedestrian center; and
- Outline ways in which new development proposals can relate well to noteworthy buildings and positive attributes of urban form within the neighborhood.

The Mayor will submit these guidelines to the City Council for their consideration, which will include a public hearing, this fall. The exact date and time will be made available soon.

Questions about the proposed guidelines should be directed to Kristian Kofoed 233-7191 or John Skelton 233-3883 or via email at kristian.kofoed@seattle.gov or john.skelton@seattle.gov.

Sincerely,

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